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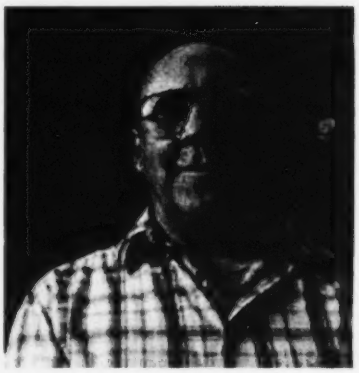

The recent award of a Canada Research Chair to Tom Carter provides the Institute of Urban Studies with long term capacity to work in the area of inner city decline and revitalization.

Winnipeg's inner city and aging suburban neighbourhoods, like those in many other cities, have experienced significant decline over the last several decades. Many theories have been advanced to explain decline, however, it may only be understood by examining the interaction and interconnectedness of a range of neighbourhood, city wide, national and international processes. Few studies have examined decline in this comprehensive fashion.

Understanding decline provides the basis for developing workable solutions to reverse the process. Ranging from multi-year, multi-million dollar tripartite initiatives to locally instigated community based programs that struggle on with very limited funding, Winnipeg's initiatives provide an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of many different revitalization approaches.

The seven year program of research has three main objectives: i) to develop a better understanding of the processes of urban decline; ii) to evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives introduced to arrest decline; and, iii) to inform the policy process and

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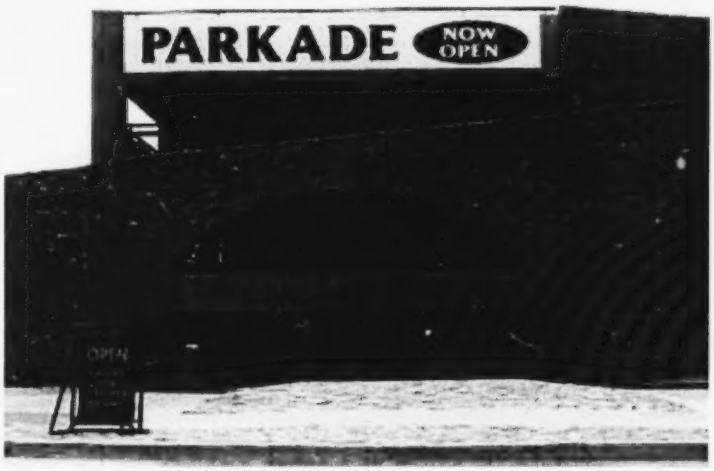
Editors' Link

Develop The Forks with people, not cars, in mind.



For the past few months local media have been reporting on the ongoing debate over the future of the "Inn at the Forks," the proposed $12 million hotel intended to be the cornerstone for development on the site for the next decade. Unfortunately, this debate did not so much concern the merits of the hotel itself; rather it has centred on the quantity of parking spaces remaining once the structure is built. Although a $4 million parkade has already opened, the merchants at the Forks Market are concerned that their customer base may be discouraged from coming to the Forks by a decline in parking space. The city's downtown design committee originally concurred with these objections, and tied the approval for the hotel to the construction of yet another parkade, which could cost an additional $4 million. Mayor Glen Murray and others were concerned that this financial burden would cripple and indeed threaten the very financial survival of the Forks North Portage Partnership. In the end the Hotel was approved without the added parking, although the Forks merchants later sued to halt construction of the hotel, while at the same time, raising further objections to the planned human rights museum, again, over parking.

This debate is not of course limited to The Forks but crops up all the time, be it in regards to downtown in general or the recent controversy over the Council suggestion that there should be a charge for parking in the city's parks. In this instance, the situation is exacerbated by the unique planning challenge posed by The Forks, which owes a large part of its charm to its isolation between the rail line and the rivers. The Forks North Portage Partnership and the City of Winnipeg have already found some creative solutions to this problem in the form of free shuttle buses, the Splash Dash water taxi service, the riverside promenade and the winter river trail. They have also commissioned a feasibility study examining additional transportation alternatives for the site.

Yet without a 24-hour presence (such as the Inn at the Forks would provide) all potential users of the amenities and services at the site must travel there, and the mode of choice appears to be the private automobile. As a result, a disproportionate amount of the site is devoted to surface parking.

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Unfortunately, the Forks merchants may be right: without ample free parking, Winnipeggers may stay away from The Forks. That our expectations regarding the easy availability of parking spaces rather than enhanced public transit should now threaten what promises to be a very positive development for The Forks should tell us that our relationship to our cars is not only an environmental issue, but can also harm prospects for urban vitality.

In order to make The Forks more financially and ecologically sustainable, we as a city need to dramatically re-think our relationship to our cars. If the City of Winnipeg and the Forks North Portage Partnership are both concerned about the long-term financial sustainability of The Forks we should not insist on limitless parking — and particularly not free parking.

The Forks could have an even greater national and international profile with the new proposed developments; unfortunately, this future is being threatened by a debate that will be facing us more and more in the future. And it is a debate over the wrong question. We should not be talking about how to fit more cars at The Forks, but instead about how to get people there. That means enhanced transit, walking, cycling and boating. The citizens of Winnipeg should not allow the future of The Forks to be compromised by notions of automotive convenience.

It is important to gain some global perspective here. Some of the world's premier tourist destinations are sites with little or no parking. Nobody expects to see acres of free parking in Venice, the Parthenon or at the Roman Coliseum. It is a maxim worth remembering that, if all the destinations worth visiting had enough parking for all the people who wanted to visit them, there would be no places left worth visiting.

The Forks can continue to become a world-class destination — if we allow it to develop with people, not cars, in mind.

By Michael Dudley

(A version of this editorial originally appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press, April 29, 2003.)

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suggest more effective policy and program tools to restore vitality and improve the quality of life in declining neighbourhoods.

This program will incorporate five major components:

1- Comprehensive neighbourhood studies. Detailed analysis of the older neighbourhoods in Winnipeg will be undertaken with comparisons to the suburban and metropolitan area. National and international comparisons of community indicators will also be incorporated. Comprehensive neighbourhood studies will inform the entire research program in several ways. They will illustrate the diversity that exists in older neighbourhoods; document the level and nature of decline in "stressed" neighbourhoods; and provide the basis for the development of intervention programs.

2- Understanding disinvestment and decline. The comprehensive nature of the work, which will examine the interaction and interdependence of neighbourhood, city wide, regional, national and international influences, will generate a better understanding of both macro and micro level processes associated with disinvestment and decline. From research generated in components one and two it may be possible to identify thresholds beyond which decline reaches a "point of no return." Threshold indicators may prove useful as planning tools, alerting community groups and local planners in time to take steps to ensure these thresholds are not reached.

3- Evaluation of past and current initiatives. Winnipeg has been the focus of three plus decades of partnership initiatives encompassing a range of programs designed to arrest decline and revitalize older neighbourhoods, including: the Neighbourhood Improvement Program in the '70s, one of Canada's more comprehensive tri-government neighbourhood revitalization initiatives; a metropolitan wide form of government known as Unicity in

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1972; tri-government revitalization initiatives in the 1980s (the Core Area Initiative) and the 1990s (Winnipeg Development Agreement); and currently, the introduction of the "Neighbourhoods Alive" Program. Additionally there are many programs initiated by community groups that can be included in the evaluation.

Although there have been evaluations focussed on particular programs, no long term comprehensive evaluations have been undertaken. The long term nature and the range of initiatives available in Winnipeg provide an excellent research opportunity that will be invaluable in informing the policy process and developing effective revitalization tools.

4-The role of community. An urban research program would be incomplete without a special look at the role of community and community based organizations. Many initiatives are delivered by community-based organizations. In fact, over the past decade governments at all levels have placed increasing responsibilities on communities to assist in the planning, development and particularly the delivery of revitalization programs.

5- National and international comparisons. The situation in Winnipeg will not be studied in isolation. Every city has its own unique local and regional circumstances, and although urban models and processes are not necessarily geographically portable, research on urban issues provide lessons to be learned from, and for, other centres. Accordingly the research will incorporate a comparative perspective in all components of the work, drawing on national and international literature and data sets and program initiatives from other cities.

Winnipeg, because of the nature of the many problems prevalent in the inner city and the many initiatives introduced to address these problems, provides an excellent research laboratory for this research theme.

What's New at IUS

Staff Changes

Tom Janzen will be leaving the Institute in September 2003 to pursue graduate studies in City Planning at the University of Toronto.

Christa Jacobucci will be leaving the Institute in September 2003 to pursue graduate studies in City Planning at the University of Manitoba.

Michelle Swanson joined the Institute in February 2003 as the Co-ordinator of Publications and Research.

Now Available on the Web...

A list of books to be reviewed is now available on the CJUR website at http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/~ius/cdn_journal.htm or contact the book review editor: m.dudley@uwinnipeg.ca.

The Urban Link is a quarterly newsletter published by the Institute of Urban Studies. The newsletter serves as a forum for community organizations and other individuals to express views and relay information about urban issues related to the City of Winnipeg and other Canadian cities. The newsletter also disseminates information about the Institute of Urban Studies and major initiatives housed at the Institute. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent those held by the Institute of Urban Studies or the University of Winnipeg. The urban Link is co-edited by Michael Dudley and Michelle Swanson. Contributions are welcomed on an ongoing basis. Please contact Michael Dudley at (204) 982-1140 or m.dudley@uwinnipeg.ca.

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Grassroots Community Development in Arusha, Tanzania

By Tom Janzen

It has been a few months since I returned home after a 10-week volunteer stint with a small Tanzanian NGO in Arusha, a city of about 400,000 in northern Tanzania near the Kenyan border. Despite seemingly impossible circumstances, a number of locally operated non-profit organizations have continued to press ahead and are making remarkable progress in the development of innovative grassroots community building approaches.

Arusha, like many urban centres in Africa, suffers from extreme levels of poverty, high unemployment rates, low levels of education, rapid urbanization, and severe housing shortages. In addition, Arusha's fragile economic base – heavily reliant on tourism – has suffered recently with the ongoing war in Iraq, recent bombings in nearby Mombasa, Kenya, and increased warnings of terrorist activity in East Africa.

Combined with the fact that social welfare programs are virtually non-existent and international aid is limited, the path to sustainable urban social and community development is laden with obstacles. To top it all off, non-governmental organization (NGO) status – internationally regarded as the mark of legitimacy for non-profit organizations – has become virtually meaningless due to lax regulations allowing nearly anyone to register as a Tanzanian NGO. Although the government has attempted to tighten regulations, they have done so by conducting a wholesale revocation of the NGO status of many small non-profits, making it nearly impossible for many legitimate non-profit organizations to make requests for funding (locally and internationally).

Photo of Unga Ltd

Loving Hand for the Disadvantaged and Aged (LOHADA), the organization with which I was working, has focussed its efforts in an area of Arusha known as Unga Ltd. Named after the company whose cereal production factory was the chief employer in the area until its closure, Unga Ltd. epitomizes the problems that rapid urbanization, economic instability, and poverty are having in many African cities. The area, with its mud homes and shoddy infrastructure, and which looks more like a squatter settlement or refugee camp than a permanent neighbourhood, is characterized by extreme levels poverty, high rate of violent crimes, and most disturbingly, a very young population. According to Tanzania's 2002 census, 46% of Tanzanians were below the age of 15 (compared to Canada, where less than 19% were below the age of 15 in 2001); combined with the high incidence of HIV-AIDS, this will likely become even more accentuated.

Recognizing the need to address the problem of poverty facing urban youth, and the reality that many families struggle just to afford the price of school uniforms or supplies (never mind the cost of annual school fees), local organizations like LOHADA are placing considerable emphasis on the development of education and training programs. Not only has LOHADA established a temporary care and education facility for children (under the age of seven), they have also devised a cost-sharing program that splits the cost of school with families as an incentive to continue sending their children to school.

In response to the various organizational and administrative difficulties that many small non-profits face, there has been an increasing trend towards the creation of larger support networks. The networks play a number of important roles. First, they provide organizations with an opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with each other. Regular workshops and meetings are held on topics such as developing program documents and grant proposals, as well as management and staff structures. Where English language skills are limited, and computer access is scarce, these networks often share draft documents that can be customized according to the organization. In addition, these networks provide opportunities for organizations to learn what other groups are doing to help ensure that services are not duplicated and that gaps in services are filled.

Tanzania's unique government structure is also proving to be a significant asset to community development. A remnant from former president Julius Nyerere's socialist reforms, groups of ten households are represented by a government official known as a ten-cell leader. While the position is not paid, the ten-cell leaders are responsible within their small area for everything from crime-prevention to truancy to mediating domestic disputes. By developing partnerships with these ten-cell leaders, organizations like LOHADA have been able to identify households in need. Where few households have telephones or even a consistent source of electricity, the ten-cell leader also acts as the chief communication link between organizations and the community. In addition, LOHADA and other organization work closely with ten-cell leaders to lobby upper levels of government for greater support.

Sustainable funding is the foremost challenge facing small non-profits in Tanzania. With no government-sponsored social investment, organizations are forced to develop alternative forms of financing for their programs. Many organizations have established small-scale income-generating businesses that not only serve the purpose of providing much-needed funds, but that are also used to provide employment and training for local people. LOHADA operated a small poultry operation as a way to generate funds until a disease killed the entire coop. A more successful example has seen Mkombozi, a community organization in nearby Moshi, establish a restaurant staffed by street youth that not only serves as a source of revenue for the organization but also provides important job training for the staff.

International volunteers have also become crucial to the sustainability of many organizations, not only in Tanzania, but in many developing countries. Utilizing online volunteer networks like GoAbroad.com (www.goabroad.com) and Idealist (www.idealist.org), many small organizations, have been able to attract a steady flow of international volunteers. While volunteers not only provide expertise, and a key source of revenue through volunteer fees, LOHADA, like other organizations, has designed their volunteer program to benefit the broader community. Volunteers, whose fees include room and board, are placed with host families in the community, many who have diminished means to support themselves. The volunteer fees provide an additional and often much needed source of income for these families, and also serves to form stronger links between the organization and the community.

In a situation where scarce funding compromises the sustainability of community development efforts and limits the capacity of non-profit organizations, the work being conducted by small-scale non-profits is having an important impact. While poverty will likely continue to be a chronic problem in Arusha, as it will be in many African cities, the seeds for future poverty alleviation and community development – education and training, job creation, protection of human rights, and community capacity building – are being planted.

Useful links:

Mkombozi	www.mkombozi.org
Tanzania On-line	www.tzonline.org
LOHADA	www.lohada.org

Fuel Cell Cars Come to Winnipeg

By Michael Dudley

I have seen the future, and it has almost no trunk space.

It does, however, seat 4 adults and runs for over 200 miles on a tank of hydrogen, leaving only a fine mist of pure water as exhaust.

The 'it' in question is the Ford Focus FCV hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle, which made its Winnipeg debut at the Forks on May 27th. The event was sponsored by the Ford Motor Company, the Winnipeg Chapter of the Red River Valley Clean Cities Coalition, and the Canadian Transportation Fuel Cell Alliance. As an invited guest I was permitted to take the wheel of the FCV for a brief trip off the Forks grounds and around the baseball stadium. In that short trip, a number of features impressed me.

One was that the performance was almost indistinguishable from a standard car – it is in fact so responsive that several people actually "peeled out" from the Forks. The other was that the ride was strangely, wonderfully quiet (leaving me to muse what a city full of silent cars might mean to future pedestrians!) It was, however, a splendid sensation for me to drive so guilt-free, if only for five minutes.

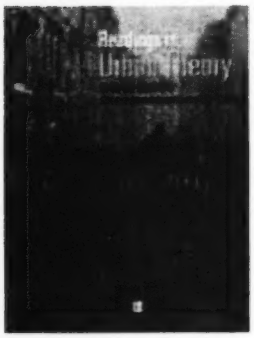
I asked the Ford representatives: if the fuel tank is so huge, why use such a small car for the pilot project? They replied that they wanted to prove that if it could be successfully mounted in a Focus, they could make it work in anything. With this car as a benchmark, Ford could be on to something.

The bad news? While commercial fleets will be able to lease the FCV as early as next year it won't be commercially available to the rest of us until 2010.

From the Shelves– New at the IUS Library

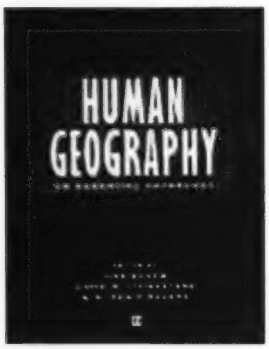
Recently the Institute of Urban Studies' Library received a number of important anthologies of key readings of great value for both students and faculty. They include:

Fainstein, S. & Campbell S. (Eds.) (2002). *Readings in Urban Theory.* 2nd edition. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.



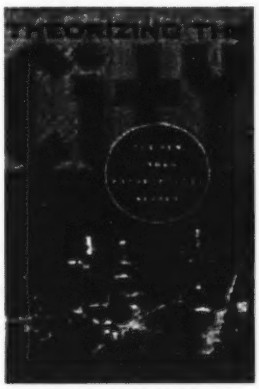
This volume reproduces readings from a number of relatively recent and frequently-cited sources, such as Sorkin's *Variations on a Theme Park*, Fishman's *Bourgeois Utopias*, Smith's *Gentrification of the City* and Goldsmith's *Globalizing Cities*. The readings are organized according to four broad themes: changing urban and regional systems; race and inequality; redevelopment and urban transformation; and culture, design and urban form.

Agnew, J., Livingstone, D., & Rogers, A. (Eds.) (1996). *Human Geography: an Essential Anthology.* Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.



In the words of its editors, this book is an "essential" anthology in geography. It contains readings from most of the standard authors in the field, including David Harvey, Yi-Fu Tuan and David Ley. It first takes an historical approach, then explores the discipline and methodology of geography before covering the major concepts of nature, culture, landscape, regions, space, time and space-time.

Low, Setha M. (Ed.) (1999). *Theorizing the City: the New Urban Anthropology Reader.* London: Rutgers University Press.



Whereas most urban studies anthologies come from geographic, design, economic or sociological perspectives, this volume takes an anthropological view on the city. International in scope, the articles examine particular case studies in segregation, contested spaces, globalization, modernism and postmodernism. Authors include Theodore Bestor, Steven Gregory and Canadians Josephine and Alan Smart.

Rendell, J., Penner, B & Borden, I. (Eds.) (2000). *Gender, Space Architecture: an Interdisciplinary Introduction.* London: Routledge.

This massive collection of classic articles and chapters covers the history of gender critiques of the built environment as it moves from gender, to gender and space, to gender, space and architecture. As such, in addition to such seminal criticism as Hayden's *What Would a Non-Sexist City be Like?*, it also contains standard classic feminist writings including Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*, de Beauvoir' *The Second Sex*, and Frieden's *The Feminine Mystique.*

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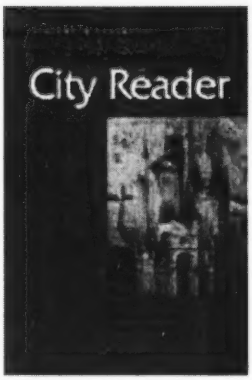
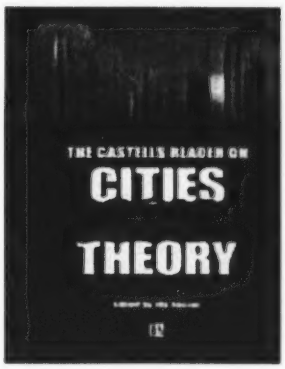
Bridge, Gary & Watson, S. (Eds.). (2002). *The Blackwell City Reader.* Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.



This comprehensive and interdisciplinary collection provides a wide range of theoretical perspectives on the city: postmodern, feminist, Marxist, positivist and poststructural. The representation of key authors is truly impressive: Le Corbusier, Kevin Lynch, Manuel Castells, David Harvey, Sharon Zukin, Ernest Burgess, Mike Davis, Henri Lefebvre, Michel Foucault and Jane Jacobs, to name but a few. Also includes some literary pieces on the city from the likes of Joyce, Dickens and Duras.

Susser, I. (Ed.). (2002). *The Castells Reader on Cities and Social Theory.* Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.



Selected writings of urban sociologist Manuel Castells are organized into three themes: a theoretical approach to the organization of cities under advanced capitalism; social movements and urban culture; and cities in the information age. Includes excerpts from both classic (The Urban Question) and recent (The Informational City) writings.

BOOK REVIEW

Pacione, Michael (ed).
The City: Critical Concepts in the Social Sciences.
London and New York: Routledge, 2001.
Five volumes -- pagination varies.
ISBN 0415252709
$ 895.00 US (hardcover)

This impressive five-volume set constitutes something of a landmark in urban studies publications in that it attempts to consolidate most of the seminal works in the scholarly literature from the 20th century – 132 pieces in all. Both classic and contemporary writings are reprinted from a wide range of international urban planning, geographical, political, economic, architectural and sociological journals. The articles span 80 years of scholarly writing (1920 to 2000). The editor, Michael Pacione, is a geography professor at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, and author of several books related to human geography, particularly in the United Kingdom. His *Urban Geography: A Global Perspective* was also published in 2001.

- Volume I provides the reader with a more global perspective of urban change and the growth of cities.
- Volume II is concerned with issues relating to land use, planning, housing and neighbourhood change.
- Volume III is the lightest of the set and includes the urban economy, retailing issues and transportation.
- Volume IV is comprised of three sections which examine Quality of Life, Residential Differentiation and the Politics of Power.
- The final volume in this set encompasses five sections that examine the developing world.

Overall, the five volumes contain a wealth of urban research spanning a period sufficient in length to garner a sound appreciation of the complexity and breadth which exists within the salient literature. Pacione's editing, in threading a fine weave through a broad cross-section of material, is worthy of recognition as a milestone in urban scholarship.

Jino Distasio
Michael Dudley

These are but a few of the many new titles received at the IUS library in the past year. U of W, U of M, Red River and Canadian Mennonite University cardholders may borrow most titles for three weeks. For more information about the IUS library, or for detailed assistance with a research question, please contact Michael Dudley at or 982-1145.

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Winnipeg Inner-City Research Alliance
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Summer Institute 2003

By Anita Friesen

The second annual Winnipeg Inner city Research Alliance's Summer Institute was held from June 2 to 7, 2003 at the University of Winnipeg. This year's theme was **"Greening the Inner City: Eco-friendly Community Development."**

Topics covered included:
- Community development and the environment
- Housing and the environment
- Transportation alternatives
- Re-cycle and re-use of buildings
- Urban gardening/urban forests
- Waste management
- Greening the inner city: aboriginal perspectives and experiences
- From blue box to ballot box: engaging communities

Two public lectures were held in the University of Winnipeg, Eckhardt–Gramatte Hall. On Monday, June 2nd, keynote speaker Dr. Doug Aberley (UBC School of Community and Regional Planning) presented "Principles of Community-based Planning" and on Wednesday, June 4th, Dr. David van Vliet (Dept. of City Planning, University of Manitoba) and Mr. Mark McCullough (General Manager of the Canada Lands Company of Calgary) spoke on "Smart Growth and Cities."

Learning in the classroom and beyond - Summer Institute participants share ideas and get into the community.

For more information about WIRA , please contact Anita Friesen, Community Liaison Director.
E-mail: a.friesen@uwinnipeg.ca, tel. (204) 982-1152.
An overview document outlining the initiative in greater detail is also available upon request.

COMPLETED WIRA PROJECTS

For more information please see the WIRA website.

Out of the Long Dark Hallway: Voices from Winnipeg's Rooming Houses

Mike Maunder, Jino Distasio and Michael Dudley

Aboriginal Education in Winnipeg Inner City High Schools

Jim Silver and Kathy Mallett with Janice Greene and Freeman Simard. Also available on the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives website: http://www.policyalternatives.ca/mb/index.html

NEW WIRA PROJECTS

For more information please see the WIRA website.

The Impact of a Career Exploration Intervention on School Motivation and Self Esteem

Dawn Sutherland (Department of Education, University of Winnipeg)
Kathy Levine (Social Work, University of Manitoba)
Darrell Cole (Career Trek Inc.)

Finding a Way Home: Housing Options in Inner-City Winnipeg for People with Disabilities who are Dying

Debra Stienstra (Canadian Centre on Disability Studies)
Debbie Van Ettinger (Fokus Housing, TenTen Sinclair Housing Inc.)
Diane Scribe (First Nations Disability Office)

Heritage Art and Community: Building Pride and Identity in Winnipeg's West End

John C. Lehr (Department of Geography, University of Winnipeg)
Trudy Turner (West End Biz)

Community Welfare Rights Training Initiative

Byron Sheldrick (Politics, University of Winnipeg)
David Northcott (Winnipeg Harvest)
Sid Frankel (Department of Social Work, University of Manitoba)

Building Community Capacity in Winnipeg's Inner City: An Exploration of Learning and Resource Needs of Volunteer Boards of Directors in Non-Profit Organizations

Evelyn Ferguson (Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba)
Pat Wege (Manitoba Child Care Association)
John Lussier (Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre)

Effects of 'Masculine Literacy' on Inner City At-risk Boys

Laura Sokal (University of Winnipeg)
Herb Katz (University of Winnipeg)
Anastasia Sych-Yereniuk (Strathcona School)

Winnipeg's Single Room Occupancy Hotels: The Environment and Surrounding Community

Jino Distasio (University of Winnipeg, Institute of Urban Studies)
Angie Shrub (City of Winnipeg - Planning, Property and Development)
Chris Dickens (The Salvation Army)
Dr. Jan Trumble Waddell (Winnipeg Regional Health Authority)
Lisa Holowchuk (Exchange District Business Improvement Zone)
Constable Gerard Allard (Winnipeg Police Service)
Pamela Barr (Native Addictions Council of Manitoba)
John Mohan (Siloam Mission)
Jim Baker (Manitoba Hotel Association)

Housing Intervention and Neighbourhood Development: Harnessing Change in West Broadway

Ian Skelton (University of Manitoba)
Paul Chorney (West Broadway Development Corporation)
Brian Grant (West Broadway Development Corporation)

Healthy Communities: More than Bricks and Mortar

Nancy Higgitt (University of Manitoba)
Jason Brown (University of Manitoba)
Mary Williams (North End Housing Project)

Transportation Savings and Affordable Homeownership in Inner-City Winnipeg

Michael Dudley (University of Winnipeg, Institute of Urban Studies)
Jino Distasio (University of Winnipeg, Institute of Urban Studies)
Mona Forsen (Assiniboine Credit Union)
Peter Squire (Housing Opportunity Partnership)

Echoes of Inner City Voices

Mike Maunder (West Broadway Resident, Freelance Journalist)
Virginia McLaren (Aboriginal Community)
Tom Carter (Institute of Urban Studies)
Tom Janzen (Institute of Urban Studies)
Michelle Swanson (Institute of Urban Studies)

Housing Data/ Best Practices Data Base

Tom Carter (Canada Research Chair in Urban Change and Adaptation)
Institute of Urban Studies Staff
Representatives of Community Housing Organizations

Housing GIS database Project

Tom Carter (Institute of Urban Studies)
Tom Janzen (Institute of Urban Studies)
Department of City Planning Students (University of Manitoba)

PRIORITIES FOR INNER-CITY HOUSING RESEARCH

One third of the funds that WIRA received under the CURA grant is provided by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This money is designated to support research that focuses on housing and related issues. Through consultation with community and government representatives, a number of research priorities have been identified. These priority areas are: Housing and Social Issues; Developing Sustainable Capacity for Inner city Housing Organizations; Labour Market Analysis; and Program Comparisons, Program Options and Funding Models. Details of these research themes are available on the website.

NEW WIRA E-MAIL LIST

The Winnipeg Inner city Research Alliance (WIRA) now has an e-mail list of representatives of organizations, researchers, and other individuals who are interested in issues in Winnipeg's inner city.
Members will:

- Learn about new research projects in the inner city
- Explore research ideas on Winnipeg's inner city
- Be notified of WIRA research report releases
- Be directed to a wide range of resources in the community and on the internet
- Be notified of upcoming workshops, conferences, funding opportunities, etc.
- Share information about their research, organization's events, etc.

If you would like to join the WIRA email list, please email a.friesen@uwinnipeg.ca . Please provide your name, your organization (if you are representing one) and the email address that you would like on the list.

WIRA RENEWAL APPLICATION

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council have informed WIRA of its eligibility to apply for renewal of the CURA program. Renewal funding will be available for a period of up to two years to a maximum of $200,000 a year.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

If you are interested in doing research about an issue in Winnipeg's Inner City, visit our website for information in the 'Research Kit' on how you can apply for funding. The next deadline for WIRA research applications is **Friday, October 17, 2003.**
www.uwinnipeg.ca/~ius/wira

URBAN RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY

Are you researching issues in Winnipeg's inner city? Visit our website where you will find an extensive annotated bibliography of research, articles and chapters related to local inner-city issues. Each entry contains a description of the source and where it may be found.
www.uwinnipeg.ca/~ius/wira

Centre of Excellence Update

By Anita Friesen

CoE Projects Funded

The Winnipeg Site of the Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centred Prairie Communities is funding three community-based projects:

Community Pathways of Aboriginal Champions

Main Contact Person: Dr. Heather Hunter
Researcher partners: Dr. Annabelle Mays, six school divisions, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, the Aboriginal Education Directorate, and the Aboriginal Achievement Awards Committee.

The pathways by which Aboriginal youth champions are created, specifically the role of community, can serve as signposts for intervention strategies to enhance the chances for success of other potential champions. The proposed project represents an investigation of what works, and will provide insight into the role of community in the development of youth champions. Youth champions are broadly defined as young people who are known, accepted and respected by many people. They may have, even at their young age, been a uniting force in their community.

River East Community Schools Initiative

Main Contact Person: Nicole Chammartin
Researcher: Michelle Dubik

The focus of the River East Community Schools Initiative (RESCI) is to promote healthy early childhood development, positive parenting, and resiliency in children. The evaluation will demonstrate whether activities are being implemented in the way they were intended, whether the objectives are being met, and whether program outcomes are being realized. Furthermore, it will serve as a model for future community school initiatives.

The SAGE (safe, active, green and easy ways to school) Project

Studies show that, while many children walked or biked to school in previous decades, this has become increasingly rare; most parents now drive their children to school. This is resulting in traffic congestion near schools, and it deprives young people of a valuable opportunity to get some exercise. The SAGE program run by Resource Conservation Manitoba involves organizing groups of volunteer parents to take it in turn to walk their kids - and those of their neighbours - to school. These "walking school buses" are a chance for neighbours to meet and children to walk with their classmates. RCM has working for almost two years with four suburban elementary schools on this project, and is expanding into the high school setting as well. The Institute of Urban Studies is working with RCM on a background study of transportation and social issues related to the "home-school journey", and will be conducting some

These research projects will be complete by the end of October 2003. For more information visit the website at www.uwinnipeg.ca/~ius/coe

Reports released by the Winnipeg Site

Voices from the Community: Key Informant Interviews and Focus Groups

This report is a synopsis of the issues and risk factors facing Winnipeg's children and youth; community perceptions regarding opportunities, barriers and gaps in services that are present locally; as well as a discussion of "promising practices" for the design and delivery of effective programming. The complete report is now available to download from our website. Hard-copies are also available upon request.

Winnipeg Site, Report of Phase One Research

This report draws on the information gleaned from the local literature that focuses on children and youth issues.

It is a detailed overview of the societal factors impacting the well-being of children and youth in Winnipeg, loosely organized according to the twelve determinants of health as identified by Health Canada.

Completion of two Research Projects funded by the Winnipeg Site

The following two research projects have been completed:

- An "*Aboriginal Research Learning Circle*" to train aboriginal youths to be community research assistants (Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre)

- "*An Assessment of STD/HIV Prevention Health Care and Youth Services in Winnipeg*" (the Sexuality Education Resource Centre)

Final reports for these projects are now available on our website. www.uwinnipeg.ca/~ius/coe.

Profiles of Excellence

Each month our website features one of our member's organizations, programs, services, and/or research, and highlights the way in which they support and encourage the well-being of children and youth in Winnipeg.

Check it Out!

The library collection of materials about communities and children/youth in the urban environment is developing nicely. Come down to the Institute library to browse anytime from 8:30A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Monday to Friday. Recently acquired titles include:

Aitken, Stuart C. (2001). ***Geographies of young people: the morally contested spaces of identity.*** New York: Routledge.

Berns, Roberta. (2001). ***Child, Family, School, Community: Socialization and Support (5th Edition).*** Toronto: Nelson Thomson Learning.

Brooks-Gunn, J., Duncan, G. & Aber, L. (Eds.). (1997). ***Neighborhood Poverty: Volume One - Context and Consequences for Children; Volume 2 - Policy Implications in Studying Neighborhoods.*** New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Christensen, Pia & Margaret O'Brien (Eds). (2002). ***Children in the city: home, neighbourhood and community.*** New York: RoutledgeFalmer.

Gorlitz, D., Harloff, H.J., & Valsiner, J., (Eds.). (1998). ***Children, Cities and Psychological Theories: Developing Relationships.*** New York: Walter de Gruyter.

Middlebrooks, Sally. (1998). ***Getting to Know City Kids: Understanding Their Thinking, Imagining and Socializing.*** New York: Teachers College, Columbia University.

Community Involvement

The Winnipeg Network continues to grow and currently includes 198 members representing 125 organizations throughout the city. Network members have been active in guiding the wide range of work of the Winnipeg Site through face-to-face Network meetings and email communication. Network involvement in decision-making processes has included identification of direction, goals and activities of the Site, plus research issues such as priorities, strategies, methods, and key informants. Networking has intensified as members have increasingly taken the opportunity to submit news and information about issues affecting children and youth, current research projects, funding opportunities and conferences, which are then passed on to the other members through email or is posted on the website.

CoE on the Web

Please check out
the Centre of Excellence
Website:

http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/~ius/coe/

Community Expo

On May 15th, Winnipeg Site of the Centre of Excellence held a ***Community Expo*** at the St. James Civic Centre. The Expo was a great success and provided an opportunity for local initiatives to showcase their programs, services, research and resources supporting children and youth in the city. The final report on the Community Expo is now available on the News page of the website. The report provides a detailed description of the Community Expo planning process. It looks at positive outcomes and challenges, and offers recommendations for future planning and organizing of such an event.

The children's coloring table at the Community Expo.

Michael Dudley worked the booth for the Centre of Excellence at the Community Expo.

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To receive further information about the conference, email: housing.conference@utoronto.ca

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